

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are amended; and claims 1-3 are cancelled. Thus, claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are currently pending in the present application.

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 4 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in order to expedite the prosecution in the present application, allowable claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1; and allowable claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Thus, independent claims 4 and 10 are now clearly in condition for allowance.

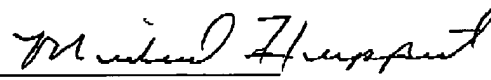
Further, claims 5 and 11 have been amended so as to depend from allowable claims 4 and 10, respectively. Thus, claims 5 and 11 are now allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to enter the above amendments and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

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